

Metronos: Kick Off Meeting

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Experimentus, 17a Dorset Square, London,

## **A G E N D A**

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1. Welcome and introductions

*(Who's who, and why we're here, how we can contribute)*

2. Background to the Metronos project

*(Rob's slides – making the case for better measurement in s/w and knowledge working environments, followed by discussion of the need for better (access to?) measurement process/practices?, data?, and qualification, recognition.....)*

3. Review of the objectives of this meeting

*(to agree on objectives and strategy for the project – see 4 and 5 below.)*

4. Discuss and agree provisional Metronos project objectives

*(at this stage presumed to be to improve measurement practice of s/w, systems and dev/test processes, and achieve recognition of good practice by:*

1. *a scoping and credible filtering / selection/sorting and organization/structuring of the good practice/data from the large amounts of bad and,*
2. *followed by (or concurrent?) development of means for making this good stuff available and*

*used and recognized - primarily by qualification – e.g. ISEB type . (Testers seem to have done a reasonable job of this type of qualification.)*

3. *does this include deprecation of poor practice – 'cartoon' metrics – '70% of projects....', metrics 'mimicry', poor graphics, missing operational definitions...?)*

5. Discuss and agree the Metronos project strategy

*(decide how to achieve item 4. At this stage it is implied by item 4 – find (not re-invent) the good stuff (what are our criteria for inclusion/exclusion? - what do we presume is the capability of future users (scale – 'foundation' to 'practitioner'))? Don't 'productize' it - open source type approach - package and promote it and get it used - in a timescale of, say, 4 years; 3 for phase 1, and 1 for phase 2.*

*Note - An organic, 'growing' wiki-ish, open, west coast (US, not Wales) 'right on' type approach was proposed earlier – low(er) risk, inclusive, more fun, but needs steering/guidance/QC – how? who?*

*and/or incremental delivery? Element by element? (Plenty of feedback))*

6. Next steps

*(go or no go? If 'go' outline early steps of strategy, planning in fact, and assign initial actions.*

*i.e. need to identify key deliverables and outcomes and then activities to achieve these and estimates of time and effort for completion of 'step 1 of phase one' (note: time will be the primary constraint – volunteers finding time). Things to plan: scope of Metronos agreed, structure agreed, candidate material for metronos elements identified, packaging (licensing – OSS?) and delivery of material agreed, trial of packaging and delivery of an element completed and accepted – implies incremental approach)*

7. Risks and opportunities

*(What are they? Make a first pass of these. Establish Metronos risk register)*

8. Review of actions

9. Next meeting

10. Close

11. Pub